

**AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT IN THE  
NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H.R. 3524  
OFFERED BY Mr. Burdett**

Add at the end of title III the following:

**1 SEC. 3\_\_\_. SENSE OF CONGRESS REGARDING PASSPORT  
2 BACKLOG PROCESSING.**

**3 (a) FINDINGS.**—Congress finds the following:

**4 (1)** On June 30, 2021, Secretary of State  
**5** Antony Blinken announced that passport applicants  
**6** will be allowed to select any gender they wish for  
**7** their personal passports, regardless of whether such  
**8** gender corresponds to the relevant applicant’s bio-  
**9** logical sex, and comports with the person’s other  
**10** forms of government identification.

**11 (2)** On June 30, 2021, the Department of State  
**12** made information relevant to the above announce-  
**13** ment publicly available on [travel.state.gov/gender](https://travel.state.gov/gender).

**14 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.**—It is the sense of Con-  
**15** gress that—

**16 (1)** the Department of State should not begin  
**17** the process of updating procedures for issuance of  
**18** passports and Consular Reports of Birth Abroad to  
**19** offer a “gender marker for non-binary, intersex, and

1 gender nonconforming persons” until such time as  
2 the Department completes the processing of the en-  
3 tire backlog of passport issuance and renewal appli-  
4 cations that, because of the COVID 19 pandemic, *that*  
5 *originated in Wuhan, China and spread because of Chinese Malfeasance and*  
6 existed as of on June 29, 2021; and  
7 (2) the website [travel.state.gov/gender](https://travel.state.gov/gender) should  
8 not be live and publicly accessible until such backlog  
processing is completed.

